

Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database: Technical Assistance Group (TAG)

December 10, 2024

Agenda

- MA APCD
- Enrollment Trends
- DOI Reporting
- Questions

MA APCD Intake

- All APCD files through October 2024 were due by November 30th. This includes any re-submissions.
- Please work with your liaison in submitting any overdue files.
- Please be mindful when selecting the Submission Month and Year in FileSecure. If the wrong month and/or year is selected, it will deactivate previously submitted, valid files.
- CHIA continues to revisit claims versioning methods with select payers. We'll reach out when we have examples to share as we analyze the logic for each company.
- Please alert CHIA if you change PBMs as that could impact pharmacy claims versioning methods.

MA APCD 2025 Submission Guide Updates

- 2025 MA APCD submission guide changes related to CHIA's health equity strategy
- New filing type: Demographic (DE) file
 - Includes some existing Member Eligibility data elements
 - Additional data elements added
 - Will require a new version of CHIA's FileSecure application
- Test files will need to be submitted in the Fall of 2025
- Production files will be due in February 2026 for January 2026 data

Current State: Limited Equity Data in APCD

- APCD is a rich source of eligibility and claims data from more than 80 payers, including MassHealth and Medicare MCOs
 - Demographic data is collected from members, but data currently submitted to CHIA is very limited: Gender, 5-digit zip code, preferred language (English/Spanish/other)
- CHIA proposes to collect available RELD/SOGI and member address data from payers to enhance reporting
 - Monitor disparities in coverage, access, utilization, cost, quality, and affordability by race/ethnicity, region, and other sociodemographic characteristics using APCD data

Payer Data Elements of Interest

- Align with QMAT data standards to ensure interoperability with other CHIA data assets (including hospital EHR data) and encourage consistency across state agencies
 - Race (QMAT)
 - Ethnicity (QMAT)
 - Hispanic ethnicity
 - Granular ethnicity
 - Preferred Language (QMAT+)
 - Written
 - Spoken
 - Sexual orientation (QMAT)
 - Gender Identity (QMAT)
 - Disability Status (QMAT)
 - Address
 - Sex assigned at birth
- QMAT Health Equity Data Standards TAG will reconvene in early 2025 to update recommendations, including consideration of the new OMB requirements.

2025 MA APCD Submission Guide Updates

MA APCD Intake Process	Timeline
Data Partners Propose Updates	November 2024/December 2024
Proposals Shared with Carriers	December 2024/January 2025
Draft Submission Guides published	January 2025
Guides Reviewed at Technical Advisory Group	February 2025
Carrier Comment Period	February 2025
Administrative Bulletin and Guides Adopted	March 2025
Development/Testing	March-Fall 2025
Carrier Testing	Fall 2025
MA APCD Intake Version 2025 Production	February 2026



Enrollment Trends Update

- The next Enrollment Trends reporting cycle will be based on data through September 2024 and is scheduled to be published in March 2025.
- CHIA sent payers MA APCD-sourced enrollment counts for review in early **December 2024**
 - If there are any issues with this data we request you contact us as soon as possible, otherwise, by **Friday, December 20th, 2024** at the latest.
 - If we do not hear back from you by that date we will assume there are no issues with your data.
- CHIA received **Supplemental data** from certain payers in mid-November. Thank you for your submissions. We review each submission and have sent follow up questions for context to select payers, along with the APCD ME verifications.
- **For questions on Enrollment Trends:** Contact your CHIA liaison.

Enrollment Trends Timeline

Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025
Payers submit Sept 2024 MA APCD files; CHIA sends Supplemental Requests (to select payers)					
	Supplemental enrollment reports due (select payers)				
		MA APCD enrollment counts sent to payers for review; Response if issues due Dec 20			
			Reporting		

DOI Reporting

- Q3 2024 HMO Membership reports were distributed to select payers last month. Signoff is due by 1/10/25.
- Claims/Utilization reports using data through September 2024 will be sent to payers later this month.
- We continue to meet with some payers to reconcile differences in certain utilization report categories.

Next Meetings

- January 14, 2025 @ 2:00 pm
- February 11, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

Questions?

